

Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans
Special Meeting
April 30, 2015
12:00 PM
Conference call access: 1-866-685-1580
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Minutes

Call to Order at 12:08 by vice chairperson Bryan Burton

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Bryan Burton, Ken Morris, Rita Davenport, Lynn Sutton, Kim Wayne, Madai Taylor

Staff: Monica Stone, Kim Cheeks

Absent: Wong, Perez, Clair Rudison

Iowa Juneteenth Transfer Request

Monica Stone summarized the request that was submitted to the commission of transferring the organization of the Iowa Juneteenth Observance to the Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans. She further explained that after careful consideration, the Department/Office on the Status of African Americans, due to lack of staff and resources, does not have the capacity to accept this proposal. The Commission and/or individual Commissioners can determine if they have the time and resources to participate with the planning and implementation of the event.

A lengthy discussion took place including comments, questions, and concerns about the request.

Burton, motioned to table the vote and add to the next meeting agenda on May 15th to discuss the matter further. A second was made by Sutton, approved unanimously.

Wayne recommended that boundaries be presented if this effort came under the Department of Human Rights.

Lawson will send to Cheeks a business plan for the observance and the letter of request again to be considered. If anyone has questions he can be reached at 515-707-4762.

Motion to adjourn was made by Davenport, and seconded by Taylor, approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.